



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CORRECTION: Corrects possible sentence for defendant.**

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## **Son Charged With Murdering Elderly Mom in Van Nuys**

A man was charged today with murder after he is accused of throwing his elderly mother out a window and then beating her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Fernando Vargas (dob 10/18/75) was charged in case LA084475 with one count of murder. He is scheduled to be arraigned today of Department 100 in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Oct. 10, Vargas was arguing with his 70-year-old mother, Carlota Vargas, when he allegedly pushed her out a second-story window at a Van Nuys apartment. Vargas jumped out of the window and attacked his mother, who was lying on the ground.

The elder Vargas was taken to a nearby hospital where she died.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces 25 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

### **About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.